

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Hajime NISHIMURA  
Serial No. : 09/880,445  
For : INFORMATION PLAYBACK APPARATUS,  
INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND  
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2006 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on December 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.